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The California Department of Housing and Community Development Announces \$8.8 Million grant awards for Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program

Sacramento – Today the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced awards totaling \$8.8 million for the creation and renovation of parks and recreational facilities.

“The Housing Related Parks Program is an innovative grant program that rewards local governments for approving much needed affordable housing for families and workers in their communities,” said HCD Acting Director Cathy Creswell.

The funding will go to the following California communities:

City of Anaheim	City of Lindsay	City of Tulare
City of Bakersfield	City of Los Angeles	City of Winters
City of Calabasas	City of Oceanside	City of Woodland
City of Chico	City of San Diego	County of Kern
City of Coachella	City of San Jose	County of Monterey
City of Fontana	City of San Ramon	County of Sacramento
City of Fremont	City of Santa Maria	Town of Windsor
City of Fresno	City of Santa Rosa	

The HRP Program:

The Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program is funded through Proposition IC, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Grant funds may be used for a wide range of park-related capital asset projects, including new park and recreation facilities, community centers, playgrounds, and improvements to existing parks.

To be eligible for HRP funds, localities must have (1) a compliant Housing Element, (2) submitted an annual progress report on their Housing Elements, and (3) issued housing start approvals for units affordable to very low and low income households during the designated program year.

The HRP Program does the following:

- Rewards and incentivizes the production of housing affordable to lower-income households.

- Serves as a tool to combat community concerns about additional development by providing resources to address other critical neighborhood needs.
- Encourages sustainable, compact development by providing bonus funds for infill housing.
- Promotes long-term improvements for local planning, compliance with housing element law, and a continuing increase in the affordable housing supply.
- Encourages development of parks and recreational opportunities in park-deficient areas.

Grant Awards:

HCD made 23 awards, totaling \$8,805,050, with grants ranging from \$90,000 to more than \$1.5 million. The awardees represent a broad geographical range, with both urban and rural jurisdictions. The awardees had a total of 3,797 housing starts in 2010, for units affordable to lower-income households.

The following illustrates some of the projects to be funded in the 2010 program year:

Bakersfield – The City of Bakersfield will construct new park improvements beside a mile-long pedestrian oriented linear park. The park is adjacent to a new 67 unit senior housing project. The design will include decorative concrete, lighting, shade structures, water fountains, landscaping and irrigation.

Winters – The City of Winters will use its grant to upgrade and/or replace portions of the park picnic area, playground, and existing play structure. The park serves as the City's central community park. The City's basketball courts, little league park, and picnic area are all located at City Park.

Los Angeles – The City of Los Angeles will construct three new parks on residential lots, to provide neighborhood parks within existing residential developments.

Monterey County – The County of Monterey will use its grant award to construct a restroom facility. The facility will support an 18.6 acre park, which includes two baseball fields, two soccer fields, a playground, a par course, and three pavilions with picnic tables and a concession stand.

Upcoming 2011 Notice of Funding Availability:

HCD will issue a notice of funding availability for next year's HRP Program in the coming month. Awardees from this cycle are eligible to be awarded in consecutive years. Additional information on the Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp>.

HCD provides leadership, policies, and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing, and works to improve the state's housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. HCD is California's lead housing department, and is part of the state Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

Please see the attached page for a list of awarded jurisdictions and grant amounts.

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Housing Related Parks Program PY 2010 Awardees

JURISDICTION	AWARD AMOUNT
City of Anaheim	\$357,150
City of Bakersfield	\$432,450
City of Calabasas	\$90,050
City of Chico	\$245,725
City of Coachella	\$203,800
City of Fontana	\$443,950
City of Fremont	\$130,350
City of Fresno	\$849,500
City of Lindsay	\$171,050
City of Los Angeles	\$1,594,850
City of Oceanside	\$102,700
City of San Diego	\$846,950
City of San Jose	\$1,269,650
City of San Ramon	\$155,050
City of Santa Maria	\$126,000
City of Santa Rosa	\$317,900
City of Tulare	\$381,650
City of Winters	\$192,750
City of Woodland	\$97,775
County of Kern	\$124,975
County of Monterey	\$127,625
County of Sacramento	\$388,050
Town of Windsor	\$155,100